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that the Indian must be assimilated, La Farge grew to believe fervently in the Indian's right to preserve his own heritage. Much of his work as consultant to the Bureau of Indian Affairs was directed toward helping the Indian preserve his religious and cultural identity. For more than thirty years he worked tirelessly to win enactment of legislation to improve the Indian's economic condition, to assist in his legal battles, and to inform the public of his problems. This well-written biography not only conveys the vivid personality of La Farge but also tells the fascinating story of the cause that shaped his life.

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